Reviewer's report

Title: A qualitative study of factors affecting mental health amongst low-income working mothers in Bangalore, India.

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Thankyou for inviting me to review this manuscript. The topic is an important one that is under-researched. The authors have used appropriate methods of data collection and have drafted a clear and systematic account of their study process and findings.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

p.7 - Study setting and participants
Please describe in more detail how the specific study sites were selected, and then how the individual women were selected from within those sites.

p.8 - data collection and analysis
Please provide a reference for the 'socio-economic status questionnaire' or if this is not possible explain how it was developed and what it consisted of.

p.24 Discussion
The section on the proposed interventions to address the issue of domestic violence neglects to mention the need for strategies that target men specifically and the broader community generally i.e. raising awareness of the negative consequences of violence within the family, and the need to promote the unacceptability of family violence as a social value

p.27 Conclusion
'we examined all life aspects and routine life...' I don't understand what this means - please reword this sentence so the meaning is clearer
Also, upper case 'N' is used only for the entire population - a sample is designated with lower case 'n'. This applies to both the text and the tables.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.